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DEC. 6: UD STUDENTS TO COMPETE FOR 'BEST DECORATED HOUSE' AWARD

About 25 houses in the University of Dayton's student neighborhood will be glowing with Christmas lights during the annual house decorating contest starting at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Tiny white lights, large blinking colored bulbs, lighted snowmen and Santas, garland and wreaths — anything is possible during the annual contest.

The winners will be announced at about 9 p.m. The contest is held annually to prepare for Christmas on Campus.

DEC. 8: HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE 35TH CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be no classes at the University of Dayton.

Instead, UD students will be transforming campus into a sort of winter wonderland with lights and decorations. Hundreds of Dayton-area children will be adopted for one night by UD students, who will usher the children to different activities around campus. All of the events are free and open to the public.

The Christmas on Campus tradition started 35 years ago as a way for UD students to celebrate Christmas before they went home for the holidays. Since then it has become a major event bringing 1,300 children to campus for a night of holiday entertainment. After the children leave, there will be a 10 p.m. Mass involving about 5,000 people in the Frericks Center.

Christmas on Campus will officially begin with a tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Plaza. There will also be a live nativity scene and Santa will make a surprise entrance.

Children's activities from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. will include:

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| • Kwanza celebration | Miriam Hall Room 101 |
| • Building gingerbread houses | Miriam Hall 107 |
| • Carnival games | Frericks Center |
| • Cookie decorating | Miriam Hall Room 201 |
| • Petting zoo | 7 to 8 p.m., Miriam Hall's O'Leary Auditorium |
| • Interactive storytelling | Miriam Hall Room 105 |

Different musical and dance performances geared toward adults will begin every half hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union's Torch Lounge, Boll Theatre and Ballroom. Performances by the University Chorale, University Orchestra, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Ebony Heritage Singers will start at 8 p.m. in the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

For more information, call **Jeff Legan** or **Tiffany Hughes**, publicity co-chairs, at the Christmas on Campus office at (937) 229-3483.